



Reference: FOI2569

Request:

On 19th March and 18th April, the government announced two tranches of emergency funding for local authorities to help them respond to coronavirus pressures.

Please can you tell me what area of council work that funding has been allocated to (both tranche one and two) and the amount of funding allocated to each piece of work.

The funding has not been allocated to any specific service and is being used to support services Council wide. However an amount of £0.733m has been utilised in 2019/20 as lockdown measures came into effect late in March and detail of this can be found in the 2019/20 Provisional Finance Outturn Report which can be found here:

<https://democracy.northtyneside.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=174&MId=425&Ver=4>

Work is on-going between Finance and the wider service areas to review and update on a regular basis the financial impact of additional costs and income forgone currently anticipated during 2020/21. Monthly returns are being submitted to the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government containing the latest estimates of financial impact of Covid-19 on the Authority's finances.

The May 2020 return projected the financial impact to be in the region of £24.930m (both General Fund and Housing Revenue Account), far in excess of the current funding made available from the Government. There are longer term impacts anticipated through an increased number of residents being eligible for Local council tax support, impact on collection of council tax. In addition, despite a range of government support being put in place we anticipate there being a significant impact on the businesses in the borough which will impact on Business rates raised and collected both during 2020/21 and beyond.

The government has also given £1.3bn to support NHS and social care discharge and £600m for infection control in care homes. Please can you also tell me how this money has been allocated and list the care homes in the local authority area which are receiving a part of the fund and how much each will receive.

Please see attached analysis which shows spend to date against the Infection Control Grant Local Authority Covid Grant and the £1.3bn NHS fund.